

**TOWN OF CABLE
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023 - 5:30
P.M.
CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Vice Chair Kristine Lendved called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance: Vice Chair Lendved;
Commissioners Merrill, Popelka,
Thurn, and Wilson.
Chairman Tony Erba was absent.

Guests: Town Supervisor Jamie
Holly, Michael Choate and Sue Rosa.

Chairman's Remarks

There were none.

**Approval of Minutes: March 7,
2023**

Work

Meeting March 20, 2023

Spelling of guests' names were corrected: David and Peter Racher and Trudy Rebsamen

Motion by Commissioner Popelka, seconded by Commissioner Thurn to approve the March 7, 2023 minutes as corrected, and the March 20, 2023 minutes as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Town Board Update

Supervisor Merrill reported the following actions by the town board:

- Start of review and amendments to the town's Driveway Ordinance which was not completed. Another work meeting will be scheduled.
- Approved Hungry Bear Event
- Discussed zoning questions sent by Bayfield County. Answers to the questions were completed and will be returned to the county.
- Approved participation in the WEDC CDI grant. The board will be taking letters of interest until April 7, 2023, which will then be reviewed to determine if proposed projects fit the grant criteria. A proposal must show creation of employment and an increase to the tax base of the town. If the town were to apply for a blanket grant for several businesses, the town would have to manage the administration for each of the grants.
- Vibrant Space Grant awards will be announced May 1, 2023.

A summary of the CDI grant is on the town website. The grant period is June to June, which means the first day to submit an application is June 1, 2023.

Supervisor Popelka reviewed two other grants the town became aware of after the last board meeting:

Rural Design Grant

This is a UW Extension grant application using Cable as the focus project for redesign of the school site. It is a nationwide grant in the amount of \$6000 with 4 recipients. If Cable is selected, there would be community meetings to help develop a plan for a focus project and to analyze impacts of the project. It can include arts, the library and museums. Kelly Westlund from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission will meet with the town board Friday, April 7, 2023, to review the grant.

Energizing Rural Communities Grant

This grant would be a group application by UW. Again, there are 4 recipients nationwide. Cable would not be the primary applicant or recipient but part of a group. The first round of awards is \$100,000; the second is \$200,000. This could be of great help to the Plan Commission for future planning.

Cable Today Update

Commissioner Thurn reported that Cable Today is working on the reusable bags to be sold again this year. More businesses will be featured on the bags.

Comp Plan Update Preferred Future Land Use Map Exercise

The commission reviewed the nine land use categories proposed by Bayfield County and made the following comments:

1. The Commission felt the categories of Residential, Rural Residential and Shoreland Residential were neither as useful or descriptive as High, Medium and Low density Residential. Nor is there any mention of housing in Agricultural, at least not in the “focus” column, only in the example column. We felt it was more appropriate to identify Residential for High Density Residential, parcels under 2 acres in size. Rural Residential could fill the Medium Density spot, with 2-5 acres per residence. Forestry (Forested) and Open Space could fulfill Low Density Residential category, with 5-40 acres per residence.
2. The Commission felt identifying a category as Forestry and Open Space was misleading as that implies forestry work is being done with that zoning. The Commission felt it would be more appropriate to identify it as Forested, as it was clarified that it only means “forested land” vs. “land zoned for Forestry.”
3. It is hard to lump conservation land with forested land because there should be special restrictions on conservation property. That would be properties along the river or sold to the state.
4. There is no specific municipal use. Cable just rezoned to Municipal for town-owned land with the last Comp Plan update.
5. If commercial includes outdoor recreation oriented commercial uses, how does that impact zoning for the Birkie property? No one felt Birkie property should be zoned commercial.

It was the consensus of the Commission to schedule Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 5:30 to 7:00 for a work meeting to do the future land use map exercise sent by Bayfield County. The meeting will be in

the large room at the Cable Community Centre. The exercise is to match town land use categories with map codes sent by the county.

Commissioner/Public Comments

There were none.

Next Meeting: May 2, 2023

Adjournment

Vice Chair Lendved declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.